



## **CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

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### **ASSEMBLYMEMBER WARREN T. FURUTANI APPLAUDS NOMINATION OF JUSTICE TANI CANTIL-SAKAUYE** *Justice Cantil-Sakauye would be California's first Filipina American Chief Justice*

**Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D- South Los Angeles County), chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement regarding Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's nomination of Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye to the California Supreme Court:**

"As chair of the API Legislative Caucus, I am thrilled with the nomination of Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye as Chief Justice to the California Supreme Court. With California being home to over five million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA), the appointment of Justice Cantil-Sakauye will be a historic moment in ensuring APIA representation in our judicial system.

"With over twenty-five years of experience in the legal field, Justice Cantil-Sakauye has undoubtedly demonstrated the intelligence, acumen, and leadership required to serve as a chief justice of the state. With a remarkable history of public service, Justice Cantil-Sakauye has diligently served the state as a municipal court judge, as a superior court judge, and currently, as an appellate court justice. Her extensive and proven legal and judicial background makes her an invaluable asset to the court's mission of pursuing fair and equal access to justice for all Californians."

Governor Schwarzenegger has nominated Justice Cantil-Sakauye to replace Chief Justice Ronald George on the California Supreme Court. In 1990, Governor George Deukmejian appointed Justice Cantil-Sakauye to the Sacramento Municipal Court, in 1997 Governor Pete Wilson elevated her to the Superior Court, and in 2005 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger nominated her to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District where she was unanimously confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. Currently, Justice Cantil Sakauye is a member of the Judicial Council, where she serves in many leadership roles. In addition, she serves as President of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to promoting civility, ethics, and professionalism in the practice of law. Since 2007, she has served as a Special Master, selected by the Supreme Court to hear disciplinary proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Performance.

*The API Legislative Caucus was established in 2001 with the mission of representing and advocating for the interests of the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout California. Additionally, the Caucus seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government. Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the caucus.*

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